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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,

Declaring the Cessation of Arms, as well by Sea as Land, agreed upon between His Majesty, the Most Christian King, and the States General of the United Provinces, and enjoining the Observance thereof.

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WHEREAS Preliminaries for restoring a General Peace were Signed at Aix la Chapelle, on the Nineteenth Day of April last, O. S. by the Ministers of Us, the Most Christian King, and the States General of the United Provinces: And whereas, for the putting an End to the Calamities of War as soon and as far as may be possible, it hath been agreed between Us, His Most Christian Majesty, and the States General, as follows; that is to say,

That Hostilities should cease at Land within the Times, and in the Manner in the said Preliminary Articles for that Purpose agreed upon; and at Sea, from the respective Times, and within the respective Places, herein after particularly mentioned.

And to prevent all Occasions of Complaints and Disputes, which might arise upon Account of Ships, Merchandizes, and other Effects, which might be taken at Sea; it hath been also mutually agreed, That such Ships, Merchandizes, and Effects, as should be taken in the Channel, and in the North Seas, after the Space of Twelve Days, to be computed from the said Nineteenth Day of April last, on which Day the said Preliminaries were Signed; and that all Ships, Merchandizes, and Effects, which should be taken after Six Weeks from the said Nineteenth Day of April, beyond the Channel, the British Seas, and the North Seas, as far as Cape Saint Vincent; and for the Space of Six Weeks more, beyond the said Cape, to the Equinoctial Line, whether in the Ocean or Mediterranean; and for the Space of Six Months, from the said Nineteenth Day of April, beyond the said Equinoctial Line or Equator, and in all other Places of the World, without any Exception, or other more particular Distinction of Time or Place, should be restored on both Sides.

And whereas pursuant to such Agreement, Hostilities have ceased in the Low Countries, in such Manner as was agreed upon by the said Preliminaries.

We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to notify the same to all Our Loving Subjects; and We do declare, That Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Our Officers, both at Sea and Land, and all other Our Subjects whatsoever, to forbear all Acts of Hostility, either by Sea or Land, against His Most Christian Majesty, His Vassals, or Subjects, from and after the respective Times above-mentioned, and under the Penalty of incurring Our highest Displeasure.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Fifth Day of May, in the Twenty first Year of Our Reign, and in the Year of Our Lord 1748.

God save the King.

L O N D O N :

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